

HONORING JAMESON KING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jameson King. Jameson is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 81, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jameson has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jameson has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jameson contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jameson led a team of scouts in building a new sign for the historic Macon Presbyterian Church in Macon, Missouri, refurbishing the old sign and landscaping the north side of the building.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jameson King for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF LAMP MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL: A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

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Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Loveless Academic Magnet Program (LAMP) High School in Montgomery, Alabama upon its being named a National Blue Ribbon School in November of the year 2016.

LAMP Magnet High School is more than deserving of this recognition. The school is currently ranked as the best high school in the State of Alabama and the 34th best high school in the country according to U.S. News and World Report.

The school consistently maintains a 95 percent graduation rate though it is currently ranked by The Washington Post as one of the most challenging high schools in America.

LAMP is also to be commended for the strong emphasis it places on extracurricular activities, community involvement and service, and parent engagement.

The City of Montgomery is fortunate to have the exceptional educational opportunities that LAMP Magnet High School offers. The school truly makes Montgomery and the State of Alabama proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Loveless Academic Magnet High School on being named a National Blue Ribbon School and celebrate this outstanding accomplishment with its students, faculty, staff, alumni, and all who cherish this remarkable school.

IN HONOR OF NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION'S GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share some very good news. Navy Federal Credit Union, the largest credit union in the world, has decided to significantly expand its activities in the 10th Congressional District. After a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, January 24th, the corporation will begin erecting a new office building and parking garage that will allow for the addition of 1,400 new employees, nearly doubling the size of its operations center in Frederick County which is in the western part of my District.

On behalf of my constituents in the Shenandoah Valley, I wish to express gratitude to the leadership of the corporation for the confidence it has placed in the hard-working people of the Shenandoah Valley and the county government whose policies have created an environment that is conducive to business growth.

Navy Federal Credit Union, whose corporate headquarters is in Vienna, Virginia, has been recognized as one of Fortune Magazine's 100 Best Companies to Work for in 2016. The company was founded in 1933 based on a "culture of service" and the 15,000 current employees take great pride in serving our nation's heroes, the current and retired men and women of our military and their families. In visiting the Winchester/Frederick County Operations Center, I was pleased to see the beautiful photos of our men and women in uniform and their families that adorn its hallways. I was also impressed by the many ways that the company provides for its employees, including a recreation center and shower facilities, a medical clinic staffed by a full-time Physician's Assistant and Nurse, and visiting professors from Lord Fairfax Community College who help further the employees' educational goals.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating and thanking Navy Federal Credit Union for excellent service to our national heroes and for hiring an increasing number of fellow Americans to provide this important service.

RECOGNIZING MS. KATHLEEN REDFERN AS THE 2016-2017 WALTON COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Kathleen Redfern as the 2016-2017 Walton County Teacher of the Year. For several years, Ms. Redfern has served the Walton County School District with exceptional passion and an unwavering commitment to serving others.

In Northwest Florida, we are fortunate to have some of the best teachers in the Nation. It is recognized that the teaching profession is

one of the most difficult yet rewarding professions in existence. Ms. Redfern has exceptionally performed her teaching duties, while also striving to be an active and supportive member of her community.

Ms. Redfern is revered by her Principal and colleagues for her incredible kindness and positive attitude. She thoughtfully engages her students by employing interesting and exciting methods of focusing on their interests.

Her support and outreach extends far beyond the walls of her Kindergarten class through her sponsorship and involvement with the K-Kids Club, a Kiwanis Club program. Ms. Redfern has displayed remarkable leadership and dedicated teamwork through her outreach projects in her community. I commend her for her steadfast willingness to serve those that matter most, the students and youth of our Nation.

For all of her admirable contributions, I am truly proud to have Ms. Redfern as a constituent in Florida's First Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Ms. Kathleen Redfern for her accomplishments and her commitment to excellence in the Walton County School District. I thank her for her service and wish her all the best for continued success.

MAKING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE SECOND TO NONE

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent some of our nation's leading innovators in Congress, who are pioneering unprecedented improvements in manufacturing and infrastructure from Washington's First Congressional District. The exciting work being conducted by forward-thinking companies like Modumetal, a woman-owned business in Washington state, has the potential to lower the long-term costs of rehabilitating our roads and bridges while also making them safer and longer-lasting.

Christina Lomasney, co-founder of Modumetal, published an open letter to President Trump on January 6, 2017, highlighting the importance of performance-based standards as he begins to work with Congress on investments in our infrastructure. I am pleased to share her letter with my colleagues, as we look to develop infrastructure solutions that will allow us to get the best return on our investments.

President-elect Trump, on election night, you promised cheering supporters, "We're going to rebuild our infrastructure, which will become, by the way, second to none."

As we move from the script of campaigning to the act of execution, you may find a more challenging landscape than your statement belies. That's not because you won't endeavor to achieve nor that Congress won't collaborate with you to fund. But the challenge of bringing the United States back to a "top 10" infrastructure position in the world, much less number one, is one that many have tried and failed and that could, in present reality, undermine the solvency of our Nation.

In the span of the decade that precedes your Administration, we have fallen from 1st